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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

This letter is filed in response to the Office Action of July 2, 2003 and is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) and the fee under 37 CFR §1.17(a).

Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Appendix including a replacement drawing figure is attached following page 13 of this paper.